GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CDMA-WLL BID
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the first come first served policy of accommodating CDMA-WLL bid was announced;

(b) whether before the announcement of such a policy, it was approved by the Cabinet;

(c) if so, whether there was a criteria not to accommodate the non-performers of the past in the bid; and

(d) the criteria to determine a non performing company?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Based on the recommendations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India sought in pursuance of New Telecom Policy 99 (NTP 99), the guidelines for grant of licence for basic service operations were announced on 25th January, 2001. Procedure for spectrum allocation, as announced on 23rd March 2001, was formulated as contemplated in NTP 99 in a rational manner for ensuring transparency, efficiency, effectiveness and optionalisation in spectrum utilization. Thus, allocation of spectrum has been specifically linked with performance obligations required to be fulfilled by the licensees in a phased manner as stipulated in the licence agreement.

(c) & (d): Additional Performance Bank Guarantee and Deed of Guarantee has been asked for fulfilling the Rollout Obligations apart from No Dues Certificate in respect of payment arising out of any licence granted earlier to the applicant company or promoters/partners thereof or associate/sister concerns.